

SUN Morning

# A Deliverance Presented

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**Text:** Luke 2:1-7

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)

INTRODUCTION - Order of Christmas

- 1) Mt 1:1-17
- 2) Lk 1:1-25
- 3) Lk 1:26-38
- 4) Lk 1:39-56
- 5) Lk 1:57-79
- 6) Mt 1:18-25
- 7) Lk 2:1-20
- 8) Lk 2:21-39
- 9) Mt 2:1-23
- 10) Lk 2:40-52

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## 1. THE Days OF JESUS (v. 1-4)

### A. Dominions of Romans

CEASAR AUGUSTUS - emperor

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." (Proverbs 21:1)

God spoke

"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. 11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." (Psalm 33:9-11)

CYRENIUS - governor of Syria

### B. Demand of Romans

TAXATION for every person

TRAVEL - back to family home town

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

## God rules in human lives (but not always according to human plans)

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law," (Galatians 4:4) *not in man's time*

Be happy  
with  
God's  
timing

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:12-13)

## 2. THE Delivery OF JESUS <sup>birth of</sup> (v. 6-7) Jesus

### A. In Bethlehem

#### A PROPHESED PLACE

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

#### A PROVISIONAL PLACE

*manna*  
"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not." (John 6:32-36)

### B. In a stable *born among animals*

Jesus  
born to  
die

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Jesus

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8)

**Quote:** "The greatest and most momentous fact which the history of the world records is the fact of Christ's birth."—C.H. Spurgeon

### C. In a manger

WRAPPED IN STRIPS OF CLOTH - *swaddling clothes*

LAID IN A MANGER

Dietrich Bonhoeffer = prison door gets opened the outside

### 3. THE Deliverance OF JESUS (v. 8-11)

#### A. Removes fear

**Quote:** "The presence of anxiety is unavoidable, but the prison of anxiety is optional."

GOOD NEWS - gospel of Jesus Christ

FOR ALL PEOPLE - to every person everywhere

*"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)*

#### B. Redeems from sin

SAVIOR - save person from their sins

*"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)*

CHRIST THE LORD

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1-2)*

*"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

*"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1:18)*

**CONCLUSION** - John 3:17

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

*"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:10-12)*

- 1) Genealogy of Jesus (Mt 1:1-17, Lk 3:23-38)
- 2) Zacharias & Elizabeth (Lk 1:1-25)
- 3) Conception of Jesus (Lk 1:26-38)
- 4) Mary visits Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56)
- 5) ~~Joseph & Mary (Mt 1:18-25)~~  
John the Baptist born (Lk 1:57-79)
- 6) Joseph & Mary (Mt 1:18-25)
- 7) Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-20)
- 8) Jesus 8 days old (Lk 2:21-39)
- 9) Wisemen visit King of Israel (Mt 2:1-23)
- 10) Jesus 12 years old in temple (Lk 2:40-52)



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